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## The Movie Review Of The Kinky Boots

By Beverly Kane

First time in theatres on April 14th, 2006, Kinky Boots was release on DVD this past September 5th of 2006. Starring Joel Edgerton, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Sarah Jane Potts, Ewan Hooper and many others, Kinky Boots is a combination of comedy and drama.

After his father dies, Charlie Price (Joel Edgerton), is left to revive his father's quickly dying shoe business. With each new obstacle, Charlie considers selling the business just as his father had done. That was all until the day he met Lola (Chiwetel Ejiofor), who tried to help Charlie out of a beating. Lola's cross-dressing character gives the Charlie idea that just might bring his fathers business back into the black with the designing of boots for Lola and her other cross dressing friends. But Lola doesn't immediately win any favors with the men in company and nothing can prepare Charlie for the disastrous fashion show that spotlights his newest creation, not even the budding romance between him and his newly acquired assistant Lauren (Sarah-Jane Potts).

In a review by Chris Cabin, for

<http://www.filmcritic.com>

, he writes: "Edgerton, especially for a leading

man, seems lacking in the charm department and doesn't do anything with the role (he simply says the line in his accent for the most part)." That's a cold truth, but there has to be more substance to a leading character than the depth of his voice.

Chris also goes on to say: "Potts might have registered with talent if she was given more screen-time but most of the time is given to Edgerton and (thank God) Ejiofor. Where a one man show would usually fair okay with a contrived or lopsided plot (The Matador), Kinky Boots simply just doesn't take the time to let us give a hoot about anyone but Ejiofor. If that was their mission, consider it accomplished." If that's the case, one might wonder why Ejiofor wasn't cast in the lead.

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With reviews ranging from 75/100 by the Chicago Sun Times to 43/100 from The Onion, Kinky Boots is definitely not considered a "must buy movie". My best advice? Wait until it comes out on TV.

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### **Review Of Must Have Dogs**

**By Donna Rivera-Loudon**

Plot: A forty-something preschool teacher looks to the personals for a change of pace and a relationship, with hilarious results.

Cast: Diane Lane, John Cusack, Elizabeth Perkins, Christopher Plummer, Dermot Mulroney, Stockard Channing, and more.

Rating: Rated PG-13 for sexual content.

My Thoughts: The movie was a very different type of love story. It was definitely entertaining, but there were times when I thought it was predictable. However, if you are looking for a movie that doesn't require too much thought to enjoy, this is a good movie to see. It is a comedy so the movie often makes fun of situations that you or someone you know could be facing. However, sometimes this is exactly what is needed to get someone out of their slump and moving forward.

Parts parents might want to know about:

1. The search for a condom: Safe sex vs. casual sex
2. Multiple partners: The father in this movie has several at the same time
3. Online dating sites: Are they safe? Who might you meet on these sites? How truthful are the profiles found there?
4. Divorce can be painful, even when no children are involved.
5. The entire movie focuses on dating. Sex is talked about frequently and there are a couple sexual

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scenes.

What stood out to me: The movie shows the world of online dating. Meeting someone online can be dangerous at times and parents may want to watch this movie with their children to help them understand that online dating doesn't always turn out with the perfect partner. It also shows how difficult it can be to move on after a divorce and how one's family needs to be supportive of the individual.

The above review is meant only as a guide. It shows my observations of the movie. The review comes with no warranty whatever."

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